வசியமாக இருப்பது அம்மோனியம் சல்பேட். இது மிக மிகக் குறைவாக சப்ளை செய்யப்படுகிறது. இந்த வருஷமாவது அதிகப்படியான சப்ளை செய்யும்படி நமது அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தைக் கேட்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஓரளவு அம்மோனியம் சல்பேட் சப்ளை அதிகப்படும். அம்மோனியம் சல்பேட்டுக்குப் பதிலாக யூரியாவை உபயோகிக்க முற்படவேண்டும்.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இந்த மேஜையின் மேல் வைக்கப் பட்டுள்ள அறிக்கையில், ஒரு தாலுகாவில் கோவாப்பரேட்டிவ் சொசைடி மூலமாக ஒன்றும், தனியார் துறையில் மூன்றுமாக, 4 பேர் மூலமாக ரசாயன உரத்தை வழங்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதை மாற்றியமைத்து " நான் ப்ளாக் ஏரியா , ப்ளாக் ஏரியா " என்று பிரிக்காமல் எல்லா இடங்களிலும் கோவாப்பரேட்டிவ் சொசைடி மூலமாக உரத்தை விநியோகிக்க சர்க்கார் முயற்சி செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஏற்கனவே அவ்வாறு முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது, சீக்கிரத்தில் அமுலுக்கு வரும்.

Mounted Police

* 730 *Q*.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of mounted police in our State; and

(*b*) the purpose for which they are utilized ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Mounted Police exists only in the Madras City Police. Its sanctioned strength is one Reserve Inspector, one Sergeant, one Daffadar, four Lance Daffadars and 26 Sowars.

(*b*) It is used when the Divisional Police are in need of it to quell riotous crowds and for bandobust duties when required. It is also utilized during important ceremonial occasions organized by the Police Department on behalf of the Government.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it the purpose of the Government to terrorise the credulous public with this mounted police ? Why should the Government maintain this archaic mounted police when quick modes of transport like the jeeps and other vehicles are available for the purpose ?

MR. SPEAKER : Strong words.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The mounted police is the best method of dealing with crowds without terrorising them. That is why the Government are having mounted police.

MR. SPEAKER : I was only pointing out to the hon. Member that words like 'terrorising' and all that are not desirable words to be used in the Assembly.

High Court's strictures on Police officials

* 731 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the strictures passed recently in the course of a judgment in a murder trial by the High Court that " the conduct of the officials concerned from the Circle Inspector of Police downwards, should be

the subject of a vigorous enquiry and that appropriate action against those guilty of inefficiency or worse in the interests of the public "; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against the Police officials concerned ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Sir, the Government are aware of the observations made by the High Court upon the quality and nature of investigation by the Police in a trial referred by the Court of Session of Tiruchirappalli for the confirmation of the sentence of death passed upon the accused in a case of murder and of causing disappearance of evidence of crime. The action to be taken on the Police Officers concerned in pursuance of the High Court's observations is under consideration.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the reason for the passing of such strong strictures by the Court ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : How can I give the reasons ? If the Court feels that the investigation was not properly conducted, they make their own observations. They are free to make their own observations. On the other hand I may also tell the hon. Member, that the very same Sessions Judge has also made the following observations : ' I commend the careful and the thorough investigation made by the Police Officers concerned who in spite of misleading tract indicated in the first information report (Exhibit P-1) successfully discovered the person really responsible for the murder of the deceased '. Therefore the Court has also shown its approbation of the efficient manner in which investigations are done.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Have the strictures been passed on any one particular police official and if so was any action taken against him and whether he was suspended from service ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The remarks passed were against the method of investigation. Further examination would be done by the Department as against particular investigating officers who were responsible for the investigation.

SRI S. LAZAR : Are the Government aware of the judgment of the Sessions Judge in the very same case, namely, the convicting judge, who has paid lot of tributes and made certain recommendations also regarding the police officers and will the Government take into consideration the observations made by the convicting judge also when the Government take into consideration the strictures passed by the High Court ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have quoted the remarks made by the Sessions Judge.

Tea plantation in Kanyakumari district

* 732 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal to have a tea plantation by the State in the Kanyakumari district ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have no proposal to undertake the cultivation of Tea departmentally anywhere in the forests of this State.